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STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Communicable Diseases—Notification of Cases. (Chap. 67, Act May 7, 1915.)

SECTION. 1. Section 1416-1 of the statutes is amended to read:

SEC. 1416-1. It shall be the duty of every physician to report to the department of health in every town, incorporated village, or city, in writing, within 24 hours, the full name, age, and address of every person treated, visited, or known by such physician to be suffering from any one of the infectious or contagious diseases following, to wit: Measles, smallpox, diphtheria (membranous croup), scarlet fever (scarlatina), typhoid fever, tuberculosis (of any organ), rubella (rötheln), chicken-pox, typhus fever, plague, erysipelas, Asiatic cholera, whooping cough, cerebrospinal meningitis, yellow fever, acute anterior poliomyelitis, trachoma, and ophthalmia neonatorum; and it shall be the duty of every person, owner, agent, manager, principal, or superintendent of any public or private institution or dispensary, hotel, boarding or lodging house, in any such town, incorporated village, or city, to make a report, in like manner and form, of any inmate, occupant, or boarder suffering from any of the said infectious or contagious diseases. It shall also be the duty of every physician to report by number all cases of syphilis and gonorrhea occurring in his practice to the State board of health at such time and in such manner as the State board of health may direct.

Communicable Diseases—Notification Blanks to be Furnished by State Board of Health—Reports by Health Officers to State Board of Health. (Chap. 182, Act May 28, 1915.)

SECTION 1. Section 1412m-2 of the statutes is amended to read:

SEC. 1412m-2. 1. All record books, quarantine cards, and other material needed to satisfactorily carry on the work of the board, except such as is furnished by the State board of health, shall be supplied by the local health officer and paid for at public expense, upon the order of the local board of health.

2. The blanks used by physicians and other persons reporting dangerous communicable diseases to the local health officers shall be furnished by the State board of health, and distributed by the local health officer in each district. These blanks shall be of the general form adopted and approved by the State and Territorial health authorities in conference with the United States Public Health Service.

3. Local health officers, or boards of health, shall, within seven days after the receipt by them of reports of cases of notifiable communicable diseases, and as much oftener as the State board of health may require, forward by mail to the State board of health the original written reports made by physicians and other persons, after having transcribed the information given in the respective reports in a book, or other form of record, for the permanent files of the local health office. On each report thus forwarded the local health officer shall state whether the case to which the report pertains was visited, or otherwise investigated, by a representative of the local health office, and whether measures were taken to prevent the spread of the disease or the occurrence of additional cases.